

MAJOR SOCCER PREMIERSHIP MATCHES
To-morrow, Sunday, 26th July

Sydney & South Coast

State Premiership — Southern Section (Round 14)

Corrimal v Cant/Marrickville Memorial Park, Corrimal
 Auburn v Bankstown Mona Park, Auburn
 Leichhardt-A'dale v Gladesville-Ryde Lambert Park, Leichhardt
 Granville v Woonona-Bulli Macarthur Park, Granville

Southern League Premiership (Round 14)

St. George v St. Peters Booralie Park, No. 1, Botany
 Europa v Concord Coleman Park, Lidcombe
 Pymont-Balmain v Regents Park Jensen Oval, Regents Park
 Sydney Austral v Guildford Guildford Park, Guildford

HOW TO REACH THE GROUNDS

MEMORIAL PARK, CORRIMAL: Train to Corrimal Station. Ground situated in Railway Street, Corrimal.

MONA PARK, AUBURN: Train to Auburn Station. Bus from Auburn station stops at ground.

LAMBERT PARK, LEICHHARDT: Abbotsford, Haberfield or Five Dock trams from Central Square. Ground situated in Marion Street, Leichhardt.

MACARTHUR PARK, GRANVILLE: Train from Central to Clyde or Granville stations. Ground situated in Parramatta Road, opposite Rosehill Hotel.

GUILDFORD PARK: Train to Guildford station. Ground situated 1/4 mile from Guildford Station.

JENSEN OVAL: Train to Regents Park Station. Ground situated 400 yards from station.

BOORALIE PARK, BOTANY: Botany tram from Central square (ask conductor for Booralie Park).

COLEMAN PARK, LIDCOMBE: Train to Lidcombe Station. Ground situated on Bankstown Road.

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R. LAWRIE
 (Queensland)
 Aust. Captain

Australian Soccer
 Football Association



CHINESE TOUR 1953



HAU
 YUNG-SANG
 (Right Back)

- - *1st Test* - -

AUSTRALIA



CHINA

SYDNEY SHOWGROUND — 3 p.m.

Saturday, 25th July, 1953

Early Fixtures 12 noon & 1.10 p.m.



NG
 KEE CHEUNG
 (Centre-Half)



SOUVENIR
 PROGRAMME



H. ROBERTSON
 (N.S.W.)
 Aust. Outside
 Left

Price: One Shilling

Itinerary of Chinese Tour—1953

1953	
25th July:	China v Australia, 1st Test — Sydney Showground.
28th July:	Leave Sydney by train for Newcastle.
29th July:	China v Northern Districts — Cessnock Sports Ground.
1st Aug.:	China v Australian XI — Newcastle Sports Ground.
3rd Aug.:	Leave Newcastle by air for Brisbane.
5th Aug.:	China v Queensland — Brisbane Cricket Ground.
8th Aug.:	China v Australia, 2nd Test — Brisbane Cricket Ground.
12th Aug.:	China v Queensland — Brisbane Cricket Ground or other game to be arranged.
13th Aug.:	Leave Brisbane by air for Sydney.
15th Aug.:	China v Australia, 3rd Test — Sydney Showground.
16th Aug.:	China v South Coast — Wollongong Showground.
17th Aug.:	Leave Sydney for Melbourne by air.
22nd Aug.:	China v Victoria — Melbourne — ground to be arranged.
25th Aug.:	Leave Melbourne for Hobart by air.
26th Aug.:	China v Tasmania — Hobart — ground to be arranged.
27th Aug.:	Leave Hobart for Melbourne by air.
29th Aug.:	China v Australia, 4th Test — Melbourne — ground to be arranged.
2nd Sept.:	China v Continental XI — Melbourne — ground to be arranged.
3rd Sept.:	Leave Melbourne for Adelaide by air.
5th Sept.:	China v Australia, 5th Test — Adelaide — ground to be arranged.
7th or 8th Sept.:	China v South Australia — Adelaide — ground to be arranged.
9th Sept.:	Leave Adelaide for Perth by air.
12th Sept.:	China v Western Australia — Perth — ground to be arranged.
14th Sept.:	Leave Perth for Hong Kong.

THEY ARE GRAND FOOTBALLERS



The thirty thousand people who witnessed the opening of the Chinese Tour, last Saturday, were delighted by the visitors' exceptional science.

THE Chinese boys commenced at a fast pace and for a long time had the N.S.W. defenders on the run. Their methods of trapping the ball with chest, thigh, knee, instep and outstep was a revelation, and although in the air the N.S.W. players had the advantage there is no doubt that the visitors were the cleverer all-round side.

Before half-time, China with the opportunities which the forwards had could have had the game well won but the centre-forward did not finish off the many clever movements originated by the inside men and wingers.

The performance of the Chinese players was really amazing for they had not played since the closing of their competition in April and being used to matches of 70 minutes duration, wilted perceptibly in the last 20 minutes of the 90 which of course is the time of duration of a game in this country.

We have not seen the best of these lads yet and in addition to the better condition which they will develop, they are now aware of our style of play and will no doubt formulate tactics to counteract our methods. There is also the fact that last Sunday five more players ar-

rived in Sydney and it is stated that at least three of them are stars of Hong Kong soccer.

To-day they will face the first Australian Test team of the tour. A few of the Australian players are not well-known in Sydney, principally M. O'Malley the right full back from South Australia and Angus Drennan the left half from Victoria.

Old favourites from other states who will play for Australia to-day are Bob Lawrie the Australian captain from Queensland and G. "Bunny" Nunn also from that state. Newcomers to test match football in the side are D. Wendt, F. Sands, J. Lennard and K. Vairy.

Probably the team will come in for its share of criticism but it has been fearlessly chosen without favour. One thing is certain that with four more tests to go every member of the side anxious to retain his place will have to display his very best form.

So with the stage all set for today's first test let us all hope that a close and thrilling struggle will ensue and that the better team will be in front when Mr. Wright blows the final toot on his whistle.

THE AUSTRALIAN PLAYERS



W. Mahoney (Goalkeeper): Played for N.S.W. in last week's big fixture. Is a class goalkeeper, and in best form thrills crowds with brilliant saves.

Right-Back No. 1: M. O'Malley (South Aust.) No. 1. — Has played for his state and consistent displays have earned him his test-match cap. A newcomer to Sydney crowds, but is reported to be an outstanding defender.

Left-back: D. Wendt (N.S.W.) No. 2 (Vice-Captain). — The Auburn man has played so well in club and representative trials that he seems an automatic selection for to-day's game. Is a powerful defender and a good display to-day may see him appear in all tests.

Right-Half: F. Sands (N.S.W.) No. 3. — N.S.W. fans were shocked when he missed selection in the N.S.W. v The Rest trial fixture but selectors had this wing-half well assessed. His display in last week's N.S.W. v China game convinced selectors that he was the man for to-day's job.

Centre-Half: R. Lawrie (Queensland) No. 4 (Captain). — A veteran of many tests who has played in four states for club teams. In the recent Queensland v Victoria games played at Brisbane showed that he had lost none of his skill. A worthy skipper who plays football in its most scientific way.

Left-Half: A. Drennan (Victoria) No. 5. — Toured New Zealand in 1950 as a member of Australian team and also played in 2nd Test v Yugoslavia. Has displayed brilliant form in all other states but to date has not shown to advantage when he appeared in N.S.W. Is reported to be now showing best form of his career.

Outside-right: C. Stewart (N.S.W.) No. 6. — The South Coast winger is something of an enigma this season. In club football has not played as well as expected but in all trials and in last week's big match could not be faulted. Scored two goals for N.S.W. last Saturday.

Inside Right: A. Garside (N.S.W.). — Is a keen positional player who has been handicapped in recent big games by lack of understanding amongst the inside-forwards. Allan is probably the best example amongst N.S.W. forwards of the football adage "when not in possession get in position", but last week the two N.S.W. inside forwards persisted in passing the ball down the middle when Allan had taken up his position in the open spaces elsewhere.

Inside Left: J. Lennard (N.S.W.) No. . . — Is a surprise selection following last week's game in which he did not appear to reach international heights. Is however an improver and selectors must be confident that they will see him reach the high standard required.

Centre-forward: G. Nunn (Queensland) No. 8. — Good vanguard leader with plenty of international experience. If he is in his form of a couple of years ago will surely play in more tests.

Outside-Left: H. Robertson (N.S.W.) No. 10. — Always a danger in this kind of match. His accurate crosses present many opportunities for forwards. Has a terrific shot but is often inaccurate when the scoring chance seems simple.

Reserve Forward: M. Walker. — A powerful Inside forward as half back, who is knocking on the door for international honours.

Reserve full-back: L. Hearne (N.S.W.) — Unlucky player who is always one of the reserves. If he should come into the team the defence will not be weakened in any way.

Reserve half-back: R. Madden (N.S.W.). — Bob Lawrie will have to do everything right in to-day's game to keep Madden out of future tests. Is unquestionably one of the best centre-halves in Australia and selectors may be forced to recognise him before the tour is over.

This Great Game

Bolton Disaster . . . The Boom and Sky-high Transfer Fees

Before the end of the transitional period of League Soccer, during which the change over from war-time to peace-time conditions was made, there came the biggest disaster in the history of the game.

During an F.A. Cup-tie between Bolton Wanderers and Stoke City at Burnden Park on March 9, 1946, the crowd broke through the closed gates.

Many people were crushed against the barriers and others trampled underfoot. Thirty-three were killed and more than 500 injured.

The game was stopped for a while. Then the referee got the players on to the field and the game was finished.

He got a lot of criticism, but I do not see what else he could have done. I understand he acted on instructions from the police, who were convinced that, if the game had not gone on, the consequences would have been more serious.

There was a Home Office enquiry afterwards. The result of it was that day onwards, gates were limited in size and the accommodation at all League grounds overhauled.

Nothing had been done to them for years in the way of repairs and reconstruction. They were put in order afterwards.

When the League resumed on a pre-war basis, in season 1946-47, Soccer entered on a boom period.

Records were set up at several grounds, and many of the clubs made hitherto unheard-of profits. Charges for admission to the games were increased by 75 per cent, and the only people who did not flourish were the players.

True, their wages were increased to a £12 per week maximum in the playing season, but this was only a 33-1/3 per cent. rise. It was not enough for the men who provided the entertainment.

During the first post-war season, mid-week football had been banned so as not to interfere with production from the factories, mills and shipyards.

But, for this first full season, the ban was lifted, at least for games in the evenings during the early and late stages.

It was also agreed by the League clubs to keep a Saturday clear for the F.A. Cup third round. To make up for this, the season began a week earlier, on August 23.

And thus another week's encroachment was made on the cricket season. At the time, it was thought to be only temporary. It still remains to-day and there are no signs of it being changed.

It has made the season far too long. And to start playing League games in summer heat and sunshine, when the players have not got a proper touch of the ball, is certainly not in the best interests of the game.

It is remarkable how often the season has opened in a heat wave. I recall one season, many years ago, when it was so hot that players collapsed on the field, in considerable numbers.

In one League game, at Hyde Road, Manchester City finished with six players, and Woolwich Arsenal, their opponents, with seven. Yet the result went down as if nothing had happened.

It is common talk among the

players that if they could choose their time for a holiday, it would be the first fortnight of the Soccer season. One is almost certain of hot summery weather then.

With a return in 1946-47 to the old knock-out system of playing the Cup—it had been played on the home and away basis the previous year—the tournament proved an enormous attraction.

The winners were Charlton Athletic, the team that had been beaten in the final by Derby County twelve months before.

They beat Burnley, after extra time, by a goal from little Chris Duffy, the outside-left, who cracked a first-time shot past Strong, the Burnley goalkeeper.

As soon as he saw the ball enter the net, Duffy took to his heels to escape the congratulations of his team-mates. He ran back to the half-way line and jumped straight into the arms of left back Bert Shreeve.

It was just like an acrobatic turn on the stage. I have never seen anything like it before, or since.

Shortly after the final, came what was described as the "match of the century," at Hampden Park, Glasgow, between Great Britain and the Rest of Europe.

It was to celebrate the return of the four British Football Associations to the F.I.F.A.

They had withdrawn in 1928 owing to differences of opinion concerning "broken time" payments; that is payment for loss of wages to amateur players.

Though the point has never been settled satisfactorily to this day, the home associations decided to return to F.I.F.A., hoping that eventually some agreement would be reached.

The match proved a splendid success. About 140,000 people lined the classic Hampden slopes, and although Great Britain won comfortably by six goals to one, they were rewarded with a great display, affording a striking contrast between two styles. The Continentals relied upon short, along-the-ground passing, which usually broke down because of a lack of understanding among the players who came from nine different countries.

Sweden and Denmark each had two representatives, the rest were

from countries as far afield as Czechoslovakia and Eire.

Yes, Eire was represented in the European team by Johnny Carey, the right-half.

He was made captain and I did not envy him his job of trying to blend the team together when he could speak none of their languages.

Great Britain gave one of her best displays, the forwards particularly being fast and progressive.

They carved holes in the Continental defence which included left-back Willi Steffen, of Switzerland, who afterwards came to England for a few months and played many fine games in Chelsea's League side.

There were great players among the Continentals. The two who impressed me most were centre-forward Gundar Nordahl, of Sweden, and outside-left Carl Praest, of Denmark.

They were amateurs in their own countries, but joined Italian clubs as professionals. They were paid a handsome fee—I was told it was £10,000—to change their status.

Of course, that is not allowed in Britain. When an amateur signs professional forms here, he gets nothing except the £10 signing-on fee.

This payment to amateurs has reached fantastic proportions on the Continent. Hans Jeppson, the Swedish international centre-forward received £18,000 when he went to Italy, and another £18,000 when he was transferred from one Italian club to another less than two years afterwards—£36,000 in two years, besides big pay and bonuses, must have made the British professional's mouth water.

Jeppson, a blond six-footer, and one of the best centre-forwards playing to-day, will be remembered as the man who played a big part in saving Charlton Athletic from relegation from the First Division.

He came to England to learn business methods to perfect his English. He joined Charlton when they were down among the bottom clubs. When he left, they were practically halfway up the table.

One hat-trick he scored, against the Arsenal, proved his greatness.

I remember seeing him in his first international game against England, at Stockholm in May, 1949. I spoke to him for a minute or two.

ENGLAND'S CENTRE-FORWARD



Nat Lofthouse (Bolton Wanderers)



When you see small boys fling down their jackets to make goalposts, and start a kick-about game on a strip of waste land, you may notice a certain reluctance to stand between the jackets.

EVERYONE wants an attacking role; they all picture themselves as dashing centre-forwards.

It is a curious little irony that England's greatest centre-forward once wanted to be a goalkeeper, and was singularly content to act as such in games with other Lancashire schoolboys, who wanted only to emulate Tommy Lawton.

On one occasion young Nat Lofthouse went to watch a game in a smart new pair of shoes. The goalkeeper was adrift, so Nat stood in for him.

When he got home the shoes were smart no longer.

But the trouble that the incident caused was almost forgotten by the time he switched to centre-forward position at Bolton's soccer—conscious Castle Hill School.

This time, instead of a reprimand, there was a reward for playing

football. Promised a bicycle if he hit a hat-trick, Nat made sure of it by scoring seven!

All the time the black and white colours of mighty Bolton Wanderers were like magic to the boy. The great local club, so rich in tradition, was the only one that mattered to Nat Lofthouse.

Sometimes he would pay to watch them. At others he would shin-up the side of the terraces to get a free look.

You can imagine the thrill he felt when he was asked to join the Wanderers, as a kid on the ground staff.

And you can picture his thoughts as he cleaned the boots of the heroic Ray Westwood, whose lightning thrusts at goal he had so often cheered.

With the war, dreams faded for a while. But, at fifteen and a half

years of age, he scored twice against Bury. That was in March, 1941.

As a Bevin boy his task of trundling the coal carriers increased his sturdiness, helped build his leg muscles.

His talent as a footballer came on steadily. In the summer of 1950 he was chosen to accompany the Football Association party which toured Canada.

In November, 1950, Lofthouse led the English attack against Jugoslavia at Arsenal Stadium.

He scored both goals—in a 2-2 draw which gained few cheers for the English—the first from a cross by Medley, the second from a perfectly placed centre by Hancocks.

I came away with the impression that Lofthouse was game and persistent, a fine footballer, but not quite an England leader.

It was an opinion shared by many. The transformation was still to come.

He touched true greatness for the first time in the conquest of Austria, in Vienna, last spring. And, when he hit six goals for the Football League against the Irish League

in September, he was clearly established as a confident and masterly player, a footballer who looked every inch an international.

The improvement was maintained, particularly in the November defeat of Wales at Wembley Stadium.

Here he demonstrated qualities which shrugged aside all disputes about his ranking as England's Number 1 centre-forward.

His speed off the mark, his ability to shoot on the turn, his agile heading and excellent anticipation of where a rival defence would least wish to see him, were dominating features of the English revival.

At twenty-seven, Lofthouse is still learning. He knows how much he owes to the advice of George Hunt at Brunden, and there is, indeed, a dash about his play that is often reminiscent of the old Tottenham centre-forward.

He is modest enough to recognise room for improvement, and I believe he will be an even better player than he is now.

Lofthouse would certainly be my nomination for Footballer of the Year. The boy who cleaned Ray Westwood's boots has shown himself worthy to step into them.



To-day's Early Game

SOUTHERN LEAGUE PREMIERSHIP (1st Grade)

Game starts at 1.10 p.m. — Duration of Game: 45 minutes each Half

N.S.W. POLICE (BLUE)

- G: L. Lindner
1 P. Englund
2 D. Englund
3 R. Brown
4 L. Mrska
5 R. Walker
6 R. James
7 G. James
8 W. Gamble
9 R. Panton
10 A. Manton

LANE COVE (GOLD WITH BLUE V)

- G: K. Bell
1 F. Lee
2 C. Bowley
3 J. Clarke
4 D. McMahon
5 D. Burkett
6 A. Cowie
7 E. Godwin
8 B. Bell
9 G. Smith
10 E. Lancelot

Referee: Mr. R. Carr

Linesmen: Messrs. R. Axman (Yellow flag)
N. Johnson (Blue flag)

TO-DAY'S EXTRA EARLY GAME AT 12 NOON

INTERSTATE SCHOOLBOYS FIXTURE

N.S.W. (Blue) v Queensland (Maroon)

Referee: Mr. K. SHORTER

Linesmen: Messrs. J. Snodden (Yellow flag) & O. Pritchard (Blue flag)

Sydney Showground :: Saturday, July 25 :: 3 p.m.

Australia

(Colours: Green with Gold V)

RESERVES:

- L. HEARNE (N.S.W.)
- R. MADDEN (N.S.W.)
- M. WALKER (N.S.W.)

Manager: Mr. S. A. JONES

Trainer: Mr. A. LEE

Goal: W. Mahoney

(N.S.W.)

F. Sands
3. F. Sands
(N.S.W.)

1. M. O'Malley
(SOUTH AUST.)

4. R. Lawrie
(Q'LAND) Capt.

2. D. Wendt
(N.S.W.) V-Capt.

5. A. Drennan
(VIC.)

C. Stewart
6. C. Stewart
(N.S.W.)

7. A. Garside
(N.S.W.)

8. G. Nunn
(Q'LAND)

9. J. Lennard
(N.S.W.)

10. H. Robertson
(N.S.W.)

Ho Ying-Fun
~~Chu Ying-Keung~~
(Outside Left — No. 10)

Szeto Man
Lee Chun-Fat
(Centre-Forward — No. 9)

Ho Ying-Fun
Ho Ying-Fun
(Outside Right — No. 6)

Chau Man-Chi
(Left Half — No. 5)

Szeto Man
(Inside Left — No. 9)

~~Ho Cheung-Yau~~
(Inside Right — No. 7)

Tang Sam
Lee Ping-chiu
(Left Back — No. 3)

Ng Kee-Cheung
(Centre-Half — No. 4)

Hau Yung-Sang
Hau Yung-Sang
(Right Back — No. 1)

Kam
Chang Kang-Hoi
(Right Half — No. 3)

CHINA RESERVES:

- LO WAI-KUEN
- TAN KAI-SOW
- CHAN FAI-HUNG
- TANG SAM
- HAU CHING-TO

Yu Yiu-Tak

(Goalkeeper — Captain)

(Colours: Red)

REFEREE: MR. R. WRIGHT

LINESMEN:

- MESSRS. S. THORPE (YELLOW FLAG)
- L. McDONALD (BLUE FLAG)

CHINA

GROWTH OF THE TRANSFER FEE

By GEOFFREY MOWBRAY

(By courtesy of Charles Buchan's Monthly)

The sensations of Soccer have not come only from feats on the playing field, but also from the movements of star players in exchange for huge fees.

Since the transfer fee has reached £34,000, it is interesting to trace the growth of this highly controversial subject to such a sum.

In 1905, Alf Common, the former Sheffield United international inside-left, was transferred from Middlesbrough to Sunderland for £1,000. This move caused great comment, but Common did much to save Sunderland from relegation that year.

In 1908 an attempt to limit the transfer fee to £350 was made. It was not successful because some clubs traded inferior players at the maximum fee with star performers.

Again, in 1920, at the Annual Meeting of the Football League, Arsenal proposed that a limit of £1,650 should be imposed. The motion was not supported.

Twenty-three years after the first £1,000 transfer came one of £10,000. Arsenal paid just over this figure for David Jack in 1923. In the next few years, transfers of £8,000 and over were fairly commonplace.

For instance, in 1930, the following players moved for £8,000: Robson, Grimsby to Huddersfield; Devine, Burnley to Newcastle; Bradshaw, Bury to Liverpool; and Jackson, Huddersfield to Chelsea.

In the same year, Gallacher was transferred from Newcastle to Chelsea for £10,000, and, twelve months earlier, James left Preston for Highbury in exchange for £9,000.

Arsenal's record fee of £14,000 for Bryn Jones, of the Wolves, in 1938, was not exceeded for nearly ten years, when Billy Steel moved south to Derby, from Airdrie, for £15,000.

Since then, of course, the record fee has rapidly doubled itself, and in the post-war boom period of big attendances, the £20,000 fee became a general fact.

The transfer of the England centre-forward, Tommy Lawton, to Notts County, in 1947, set up a record expenditure for a Third Division club (since broken by Bradford City), and the presence of the illustrious Lawton was a big crowd-pulling power in the Southern Section.

Six ground records were broken and attendances at Meadow Lane jumped to several thousand above their previous level. Furthermore, he materially assisted the County to top the division in 1950 by netting 31 goals.

Hibernian paid the first-five-figure transfer fee in Scottish football when L. Johnstone joined them from Clyde for £10,000 in 1947. The record now stands at £23,000, the figure for which Billy Steel moved to Dundee.

The figures tabulated are approximate because statements of the exact fees are not officially issued.

RECORD TRANSFER FEES.

Feb. 1905	A. Common (ir)	Middlesbrough to Sunderland	£1,000
Feb. 1922	S. C. Puddlefoot (ir)	West Ham to Falkirk	£5,000
Dec. 1925	H. Gallacher (cf)	Airdrie to Newcastle	£6,500
Dec. 1925	R. Kelly (ir)	Burnley to Sunderland	£6,550
April 1927	J. Gibson (rh)	Partick T. to Aston Villa	£7,500
Oct. 1928	D. B. N. Jack (ir)	Bolton to Arsenal	£10,890
June 1934	J. Allen (ch)	Portsmouth to Aston Villa	£11,000
Aug. 1938	Bryn Jones (il)	Wolves to Arsenal	£14,000
June 1947	W. Steel (il)	Morton to Derby County	£15,500
Nov. 1947	T. Lawton (cf)	Everton to Chelsea	£20,000
Feb. 1948	L. Shackleton (il)	Newcastle to Sunderland	£20,050
Mar. 1949	J. Morris (ir)	Manchester United to Derby County	£25,000
Dec. 1949	E. Quigley (if)	Sheffield Wed. to Preston North End	£26,500
Oct. 1950	T. Ford (cf)	Aston Villa to Sunderland	£29,500
Mar. 1951	J. Sewell (ir)	Notts County to Sheffield Wed.	£34,000

RECORD AGGREGATE TRANSFER FEES

E. Quigley (inside-forward)		
Bury to Sheffield Wes.	.....	£12,000
Sheffield Wed. to Preston	.....	£26,500
Preston to Blackburn Rovers	.....	£15,000
		<hr/> £53,500
T. Lawton (centre-forward)		
Burnley to Everton 1936	.....	£6,500
Everton to Chelsea 1945	.....	£11,500
Chelsea to Notts County 1947	.....	£20,000
Notts County to Brentford 1951	.....	£15,000
		<hr/> £53,000
L. Leuty (centre-half)		
Derby County to Bradford	.....	£24,500
Bradford to Notts County	.....	£20,000
		<hr/> £44,500
I. Broadis (inside-right)		
Carlisle to Sunderland	.....	£18,000
Sunderland to Manchester City	.....	£25,000
		<hr/> £43,000
R. Brennan (inside-forward)		
Luton to Birmingham	.....	£20,000
Birmingham to Fulham	.....	£20,000
		<hr/> £40,000
T. Ford (centre-forward)		
Swansea to Aston Villa	.....	£10,000
Aston Villa to Sunderland	.....	£39,500
		<hr/> £39,500
W. Steel (inside-left)		
Morton to Derby County	.....	£15,000
Derby County to Dundee	.....	£38,000
		<hr/> £38,000

Pre-War Record Aggregate: H. Gallacher figured in six transfers £23,000. Thus: Airdrieonians to Newcastle, 1925, £6,500; to Chelsea, 1930, £10,000; to Derby, 1934, £3,000; to Notts County, 1937, £2,000; to Grimsby Town, 1938, £1,000; to Gateshead, 1939, £500.

Others include: B. Sproston Leeds U. to Tottenham, 1938, £9,500; to Manchester City, 1938, £10,000. Total, £19,500. T. Griffiths, Wrexham to Everton, 1926; to Bolton, 1931; to Middlesbrough, 1933; to Aston Villa, 1935, £18,000.

RECORD FEES FOR VARIOUS POSITIONS.

Goalkeeper: R. Allen, Queen's P.R. to Manchester Utd. June, 1950	.....	£11,000
Wing-Half: R. Paul, Swansea Town to Manchester City July, 1950	.....	£25,000
Centre-Half: L. Leuty, Bradford to Notts County Sept. 1950	.....	£24,500
Wing-Forward: R. Langton, Preston, to Bolton Wanderers Nov. 1949	.....	£22,250
Inside or Centre-Forward: J. Sewell, Notts County to Sheffield Wed. Mar. 1951	.....	£34,000

PEN SKETCHES OF THE ALL CHINESE SOCCER TEAM



YU YIU TAK (Goalkeeper): Hong Kong's leading Goalkeeper. Has represented Hong Kong on innumerable occasions in representative games both at home and abroad. Has had experience against English, Swedish, Danish, Austrian, Indian, Malayan and Indonesian teams which have visited Hong Kong. Toured England and the Continent in 1947. Shows keen anticipation, positions himself well and is safe in his handling of the ball.

PAU KING YIN (Goalkeeper): Very agile and always on the alert. Very spectacular in his saving of difficult shots from all angles. Has represented Hong Kong in representative games on many occasions.

HAU YUNG SANG (Right Full-back): This player is very popular with the crowds for his clean and spectacular type of play. He is known to European Soccer Fans as "Flash Harry" a nickname which was given to him by the British Commandos who were stationed in Hong Kong immediately after the Japanese surrender and who took a large part in reviving soccer in Hong Kong. Hau has represented Hong Kong in representative matches over a number of years. He visited Australia and has also toured England and the Continent. He represented China at the Olympic games in London. He is a very sound defensive player with a powerful kick.

TAN KAI SOW: This player who hails from Malaya, normally plays Centre forward. He has however made a name for himself in the left half position, a berth which he has been called upon to fill in an emergency during a representative match. He has since played in this position with marked success but when things are not going too well for his own attack, he has taken over as leader of the offensive.

LAU YEE (Left full-back): This player is one of the most promising of defenders in Hong Kong. Possessing a very strong kick, he covers a lot of ground and is tigerish in his tackling. Has represented Hong Kong in representative matches at home and abroad.

LEE PING CHIU (Left full-back): This player is also very sound in defence and although not playing a spectacular game, is very effective. Also plays in the intermediate line as well as in attack when the necessity arises.

CHAU MAN CHI (Inside left and half-back): A very stylish player who is noted for his clever scheming and accurate distribution of the ball. Chau can play equally well in either of the inside positions and is deadly in his shooting. Also plays in defence. Toured England and the Continent and has represented Hong Kong in representative games.

CHAN FAI PING: Another up and coming youngster who is extremely energetic in the right half position. Keeps his own forwards on the move with well directed passes and is always ready to take a shot at goal whenever the opportunity presents itself.

NG KEE CHEUNG (Centre half): Visited Australia previously and represented Hong Kong in representative games over a number of years. A very sound defensive player, who is very cool under the most relentless pressure. Excellent in his distribution and rarely wastes a ball.

LO WAI KUEN (Left half-back): A very hardworking and skilful player who keeps going all the time. Not brilliant but a very good team player.

HO YING FUN (Outside right): He is a very speedy and clever winger who can play as well on the left as on the right and fills any of the inside positions with ease. He packs a powerful shot with either foot. Toured England and the Continent and is invariably selected to represent Hong Kong in representative matches both local and against visiting teams. Has toured extensively throughout the Far East.

CHU WING KEUNG (Inside right): This versatile player is very fast and elusive. A clever dribbler and tricky in his play, he passes with deadly accuracy and is a continual source of danger to any defence. Toured England and the Continent. Chu has also represented Hong Kong in representative games.

SZETO MAN: This player who will be leading the attack is a youngster with great promise. He possesses a fine turn of speed, plays a bustling type of soccer and is unselfish in his distribution of the ball. Always needs careful watching.

YIU CHEUK YIN (Inside left): This youngster is regarded as the most promising inside left in Hong Kong. Very popular with the crowds, he is fast and nippy. He is a continual thorn in the side of the defence, while his powerful long range shooting has proved the downfall of more than one goal-keeper. Yiu is a bundle of energy on the field and when the occasion so demands, he does not hesitate to drop back and hold his own defence.

HAU CHING TO (Outside left): This player has visited Australia and has represented Hong Kong with distinction in representative games. Hau is a very speedy winger and packs a terrific wallop behind every kick.

MOK CHUN WAH (Outside left): Another promising youngster who is very fast on the ball and is a bag of tricks. He hit the headlines with dazzling performances against visiting English, Swedish, Danish and Austrian teams.

LO KWOK TAI (Inside left): A young and intelligent player who is tireless in his efforts. Possesses excellent ball control and a fine shot.

TANG SUM (Right half): One of the soundest wing halves in Hong-Kong, Tang is a very good spoiler and is always up with the play. He possesses a hard shot and has on more than one occasion carried his team to victory with an unstoppable shot.

CHANG KAM HOI: A well built player, who has been to Australia. Toured England and the continent. Chang possesses plenty of fighting spirit and is equally at home in defence as in attack. Positions himself well and covers a lot of ground without unduly exerting himself.

LEE CHUN FAT (Left half): Always willing to assist by playing in any position on the field. Moves very fast and distributes the ball to best advantage. Also an excellent shot and very shrewd with his head.

KWOK YING SHU (Manager): Chairman of the Football Section of the Eastern Athletic Association, Committee Member of the Hong Kong Chinese Football Association and Chinese Amateur Athletic Federation. Well known figure in local sporting circles. Led the Eastern XI through a successful 1952-53 season, during which the team won the Stanley Shield and the Senior Challenge Shield.

L. J. CHANNING (Secretary): Born in the suburbs of Carlton, Melbourne. Lived in Bendigo and studied at Golden Square State School. Council Member of the Hong Kong Football Association, Member of the Executive Committee of the Amateur Sports Association and Olympic Committee of Hong Kong. Council Member of the Hong Kong Chinese Football Association and of the Chinese Amateur Athletic Federation. Member of the Government Grounds, Pool Committee and of the Children's Playground Association. Chairman of the Hong Kong Football Association Grounds Committee, Committee member of the Hong Kong Football Association League Management and Interport Committees. Editor of the Hong Kong Standard.

Northern Districts v China

Wednesday, 29th July, 1953

AT CESSNOCK SPORTSGROUND — 3 p.m.

CHINA

YU YIU-TAK
(Goalkeeper — Captain)

HAU YUNG-SANG
(Right Back — No. 1)

LEE PING-CHIU
(Left Back — No. 2)

CHANG KANG-HOI
(Right Half — No. 3)

NG. KEE-CHEUNG
(Centre-Half — No. 4)

CHAU MAN-CHI
(Left Half — No. 5)

HO YING-FUN
(Outside Right — No. 6)

HO CHEUNG-YAU
(Inside Right — No. 7)

LEE CHUN-FAT
(Centre-Forward — No. 8)

SZETO MAN
(Inside Left — No. 9)

CHU YING-KEUNG
(Outside Left — No. 10)

NORTHERN DISTRICTS

Goal. D. BONE
(West Wallsend)

1. C. ALMOND
(Cessnock)

2. L. HEARNE
(East Lakes)

3. G. ARTHUR
(Wallsend)

4. H. PARKES
(Wallsend)

5. K. O'NEILL
(Cessnock)

6. S. NORTH
(Mayfield Utd.)

7. J. LENNARD
(Mayfield Utd.)

8. V. TANCEV
(Greta Austral)

9. R. DATE
(Wallsend)

10. A. JOHNS
(Adamstown)

Reserves:

J. Flick (East Lakes) D. Cowie (West Wallsend)
R. Herd (Wallsend)

Referee: Mr. H. Lonsdale

Linesmen: Mr. R. Davies, Mr. A. Welsh

Manager:
Mr. B. Cockbain

Trainer:
Mr. J. Jack

PREMIERSHIP TABLES

STATE PREMIERSHIP

SOUTHERN (1st Division)

	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	Pts.
Granville	13	8	1	4	31	13	20
Bankstown	13	7	1	5	30	15	19
Leichhardt-Ann.	13	8	3	2	35	21	18
Auburn	13	8	4	1	30	19	17
Corrimal	13	6	5	2	27	28	14
Cant/Marrickville	13	4	4	5	27	25	13
Gladesville-Ryde	13	3	7	3	21	22	9
Woonona-Bulli	13	3	8	2	19	38	8
Balgownie	13	2	9	2	14	28	6
North Shore	13	3	10	0	18	43	6

NORTHERN (1st Division)

	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	Pts.
Wallsend	13	8	2	3	42	27	19
East Lakes	13	7	2	4	42	23	18
West Wallsend	13	6	3	4	32	24	16
Mayfield Utd.	13	5	5	3	31	29	13
Cessnock	13	5	5	3	35	33	13
Cardiff	13	4	4	5	28	31	13
Lake Macquarie	13	3	4	6	25	26	12
Adamstown	13	3	5	5	29	31	11
Weston	13	3	6	4	30	36	10
Greta Austral	13	1	9	3	22	56	5

SOUTHERN LEAGUE — 1st Division

	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	Pts.
St. George	13	11	2	0	48	22	22
Lane Cove	13	11	2	0	34	15	22
Sydney Austral	13	9	2	2	45	24	20
N.S.W. Police	13	8	2	3	36	18	19
Regents Park	13	6	6	1	31	27	13
Guildford	13	4	8	2	29	46	9
Europa	13	3	8	2	29	38	8
Concord	13	3	7	3	28	38	7
St. Peters	13	1	9	3	33	60	5
Pymont-Balmain	13	1	11	1	20	41	3

INTERNATIONAL FIXTURE

N.S.W. 4 CHINA 3

STATE CUP RE-PLAY — ROUND 1

LAKE MACQUARIE 2 MAYFIELD UNITED 4

STATE CUP — ROUND 2

WEST WALLSEND 2 EAST LAKES 0
CESSNOCK 5 WESTON 0
WALLSEND 4 CARDIFF 0

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AT ALL GAMES TO-MORROW

SUNDAY, 26th JULY, 1953

This IS Football



To the many thousands of visitors who have come along to see the clever Chinese players in action, here is some real worth while information.

This great game of soccer football is played every week end in Sydney, South Coast, Newcastle and Maitland districts.

The competitions are keenly contested, and the standard of our game in this country has risen high since the visit of the English players in 1951.

Many peoples who witnessed the first match of this tour on 18th July, were really partisans of other codes of football, but it would amaze readers to find out how many have since turned their interests to the only real football game... soccer.

In Sydney, the main club grounds are Arlington Park (Dulwich Hill), Lambert Park (Leichhardt), Macarthur Park (Granville), Chatswood Oval, Gladesville Sportsground, Bankstown Oval and Mona Park (Auburn).

The South Coast grounds are Woonona Sportsground, Memorial Park (Corrimal), and Balgownie Sportsground.

Newcastle Grounds are Adamstown Oval, Charlestown Oval, Speers Point Oval, Mayfield Park, Cardiff Park, Johnston Park (West Wallsend) and Crystal Palace (Wallsend).

In Maitland the areas are: Cessnock Sportsground, Abermain Park (Abermain), and Greta Camp Sportsground.

The Fixtures of this association are advertised each week in:

FRIDAY: Sydney and Newcastle Sun.

SATURDAY: The Daily Telegraph and Newcastle Herald.

Should an intending patron of a fixture have any doubt of how to reach any particular ground, he can obtain particulars by ringing:

The Association Office: L.M. 2822 (Sydney) or

The Association Hon. Treasurer: L.L. 9541 (Newcastle).

Major matches commence at 3 p.m. (1st grade fixtures), and are preceded by the reserve grade fixtures at 1.15 p.m.

Duration of all games is 90 minutes, and charges are: Adults 2/- and Children 6d. with a small additional charge for entry to grandstands or enclosures.

In every one of the 73 countries of the world where this great game is played, matches are watched by innumerable thousands of delighted fans. You can be one of those delighted fans right in your own district.

Attend the big club games in any of the above areas for a few weeks and you will be amazed how this game "Grows" on you.

In conclusion let me tell you that 200,000 spectators saw the world soccer cup final of 1951 in Brazil, while 150,000 have witnessed a Scotland v England match at Glasgow (Scotland). What other football has ever resented such appeal?

Its the ONLY football and that is why YOU should be enjoying it every week.